

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4522
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KUTESHWAR STEEL MINES
RAMANAND SINGH

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) the total land acquired for the mining of iron from the farmers of Gairtalai and surrounding areas by the Gairtalai Steel Mines (Kuteshwar Steel Mines) located at Katni district;
- (b) whether the compensation has not been paid so far in lieu of the acquired land, to some farmers and the mining is still going on in spite of expiry of lease, without its renewal;
- (c) whether the Government had assured the farmers to provide employment to one of the family member of each farmer apart from the land compensation, but the assurance has not been fulfilled till date; and
- (d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to ensure full compensation of land and the employment to unemployed farmers as promised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) There is no Kuteshwar Steel Mines located in Katni District in Madhya Pradesh. SAIL, Raw Material Division has a limestone mine at Kuteshwar in Katni Tehsil.

Private land acquired by SAIL for mining a Gairtalai and surrounding areas is 436.24 hectares.

(b) Due compensation as awarded by State Government was paid for acquired lands. No lease has expired. One lease is valid upto 9.6.2001 and the second lease is valid upto 14.5.2002.

(c) No, Sir. No assurance for providing employment was given to any land owner by SAIL.

(d) Does not arise.